Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples

Students in Years 5 and 6 represented our school at the Civic Theatre on the anniversary of the apology made by Kevin Rudd to Australia’s Indigenous People. Students had the opportunity to participate in the formal ceremony and watch two short films in the Museum. This gave our students insight into the importance and significance of the anniversary. This was truly a valuable experience for our students.

Bus Safety for Kindergarten

Tomorrow morning at 9.30am, students in Kindergarten will have a visit from Busabout to discuss bus safety. During this time the students will board a bus for a short trip around the block as part of the safety awareness session. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact your child’s classroom teacher prior to the visit.

Class Changes

Due to the large number of student enrolments in Stage 1, there have been a few changes to Stage 1 classes. Student numbers needed to be shuffled back. Parents have been contacted if those changes have affected their children. Your understanding is greatly appreciated as we work together to support the changing needs of our school.
Aboriginal Education Committee for 2014

We are calling for interested parents or community members to join our school Aboriginal Education Committee. The committee plans significant events throughout the year such as NAIDOC Day and cultural awareness programs offered to students. Please come along to a morning tea that will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 10am in our school Community Centre. All welcome to attend!

A Day with a Scientist

On Thursday March 6, our school will be hosting a Science Day for students around our district. As this is a district event, only selected students will be invited to attend as part of our Gifted and Talented program. Permission notes will be handed out this week. The cost for Ashmont students to attend has been subsidised by the Smith Family and the school.

Infectious Disease- Scabies

Scabies is an infestation of the skin by tiny parasitic mites. The most common symptom is intense itching. This is caused by mites burrowing under the skin to lay eggs. Tiny red or grey burrow tracks can appear between the fingers and on the wrists. They may also be found on other parts of the body.

Scabies is a highly infectious disease that is spread by close physical contact. Scabies can be treated by quickly and easily by a special cream or lotion. Please see your doctor if you have concerns.

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“Always remember in life, whatever we do, we are never defeated unless we give up”

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Athletics Carnival
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday with expectations of fine weather and a great time to be had by all. Junior competitors have been trying out for final positions throughout the past four weeks during sport and only finals will be held on the day.
We are also anticipating The Giants to visit us at Jubilee Park, it will be great to see some professional athletes at our carnival.
If you have yet to pay and hand in the permission note, please do so as soon as possible.
A full canteen will be operating on the day and a special sprinters' lunch can be pre-ordered. The notes for this have been handed out.
We hope to see you there to cheer on your child and their peers on this highly anticipated day.

Sporting Stars
Recently we had a number of students participating in Wagga Wagga trials for Australian Football (AFL) and Football (soccer).
Our students tried hard to gain a position in the highly contested teams to represent Wagga Wagga at Riverina level for their respective sports.
Reports from teachers at the event have commended that our students showed great skill and sportsmanship and all of our students who participated should be congratulated for this. Well done!
Two of our students have been selected to be part of the Wagga Wagga teams in their respective sports. The first of these is John (6D) who contested and won a position in the AFL team. The second is Yestin (6W) who won a place in the football team. Well done to both our students and we wish them all the best as they try out for the regional teams. Good luck!

CSU Dental Clinic
Charles Sturt University will continue to see students from our school this year. As it is a new calendar year, we are required to have parents complete new permission forms. The students that will be attending first will be students that need further treatment from last year. If you have any dental concerns for your child, please contact the school and if time is permitted we will do our best to see that your child can access this service. To support this partnership, please ensure all permission notes are completed and returned promptly as our first visit is tomorrow. Following are the dates that students will be visiting the dental clinic:
March- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
April- 2nd
June- 4th, 11th
July- 16th, 23rd, 30th
August- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
September- 10th, 17th
October- 8th, 15th

Attendance Matters
GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME.
It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of doing that.
It is important to be at school on time because:
- it sets up good habits for the future
- it provides a range of social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends
- the school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students eg: what’s happening today as well as any changes to school routines, coming events etc.
- it is an opportunity for important teacher pupil interaction before school
- it allows plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed

Numeracy News
Last Saturday the staff participated in a day’s training in the teaching of mathematics. The presenter, Di Marshall, reinforced the importance of being able to skip count and we are pleased to see all classes practising. Skip counting means counting by a certain number.
Eg…3,6,9,12,15,18…………….1,2,3,4,5,6…………
2,4,6,8,10,12…………….9,18,27,36,45,54……..
We now have personal best charts in our rooms. Please encourage your children to practice.

Dance
This Tuesday, the children in the Ashmont PS Dance Group are working with students from Mt Austin High School to develop their dance technique and begin choreographing parts of their ‘Gobbagumbalin and Pomingalama’ dance. The high school students will be dancing their pieces for the students and then helping our children to ‘shake a leg’. We are very fortunate to be able to work collaboratively and are excited about this opportunity.
Yarn’n with Louise and Rachael

What a great turn out on Friday, thanks to Rachael for inviting parents from Mount Austin Primary, who are also interested in doing 123 Magic. Due to technical problems our course did not officially start. We had a great time meeting other parents and filled out paperwork, so there is still time to join the program. Our next parent day will be next Thursday 9.30am – 11am, held in the Community Centre. We will be doing some numeracy which will involve playing maths games and then taking them home to play with our buraays (children). Then the following Friday 7th March we will start the 123 Magic program. So there is still time for you to come along. Rachael would like parents she has had contact with to fill out a quick survey for her. If Rachael or Louise have not caught up with you, could you see them for a survey sheet?

We all looking forward to a great parent learning year.

Louise & Rachael